Counter-trade Agreement with M/s Bofors

3046. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a counter-trade agreement between M/s. Bofors and the Government of India;

(b) if so, the contents of the agreement; and

(c) the extent of the implementation of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contemplates that Bofors will arrange exports from India valued not less than 50 per cent of the value of the contract signed with the Ministry of Defence.

(c) As at September 1988 goods worth Rs. 117 crores have been contracted under the MOU against which shipments of Rs. 27 crores approximately have taken place.

AIDS testing of foreign students

3047. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether test for AIDS has been completed on all foreign students desirous of seeking admission in Indian Universities;

(b) if so, the number of foreign students tested and the percentage out of them found to be positive to AIDS test;

(c) whether Government have ordered test for AIDS on all students while entering India and on their subsequent visits to India; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) According to this guidelines/administrative instructions issued by this Ministry any foreign student being admitted in any Indian Educational/Research/Training Institute will be required to undergo medical test including that for AIDS and his/her admission will be confirmed after the result has been found satisfactory. The students should report to the nearest Civil Surgeon/Chief Medical Officer of Health/Superintendent of District Hospital in which the Educational/Research/Training Institute is located.

Nearly 10,000 foreign students have been tested for HIV antibodies. Of these 46 were found to be sero-positive; one student succumbed to AIDS disease.

Voluntary agencies in Health Sector

3048. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFRE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are thousands of registered and unregistered voluntary agencies working in the health sector all over the country; and

(b) whether a consolidated list of these agencies has been prepared and is available for use of the public and State Governments, if so, the source of supply of this list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No. survey has been carried out by the Central Government in respect of registered and unregistered voluntary agencies working in the health sector in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Role of Voluntary Organisations in "Health Care Delivery"

3049. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group had been formed as a follow-up of the workshop on "Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery" held in Delhi in January, 1988 and if so, the recommendations of this group; and

(b) whether follow-up action has been taken on these recommendations and if so, the details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A National Workshop of Voluntary Organisations was held at New Delhi in January, 1988 to consider the role of voluntary organisations in health care delivery. This Workshop continued its deliberations through a Working Group of Experts. Government have not so far set up any Expert Group or received the final recommendations of the workshop.

Bachawat Tribunal Award

3050. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bachawat Award given by the Tribunal regarding the sharing of the Krishna waters by the concerned State Government is final and binding on all the States concerned;

(b) the name of the agency responsible to enforce the terms and conditions of the Award and whether the Government of India have to consider the proposals received by the different State Governments in the Krishna basin area within the framework of the Award or whether the Government of India are at liberty to go beyond the limits of the Award for clearing the Projects received from the States concerned; and

(c) if so, what is the legal effect of such clearance by the Central Government on the rights of the States concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The decision of the tribunal is final and binding on the parties to the dispute and should be given effect to by them. The aspect of water availability in any proposed project is examined within the frame-work of the award of the tribunal.

(c) Does not arise.

Telugu Ganga Irrigation Project

3051. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telugu Ganga Irrigation Project has been prepared and submitted to the Government of India within the framework of the Bachawat Award; and

(b) if so, whether the Government of India are obliged to clear this project even if it is not prepared in conformity with the terms and conditions of the Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra have raised the issue that the Telugu Ganga Project as formulated by Andhra Pradesh is not in conformity with the award of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal. The clearance of the project also depends on establishing the water availability for the project in terms of the Tribunal's order.

Rare Earth Plant at Sathankulam

3052. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage in the implementation of a Rare Earth Plant at Sathankullam in V. O. E. District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the plant at Sathankulam is planned to manufacture the finished products such as oxides and salts of the rare earths which would be a better Foreign exchange earner; and

(c) whether Government have received any application for letters of intent from the Private Sector to set up modern factories utilising the rare earth of the Jirunelveti and Kanyakumari Coasts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for setting up a Rare Earth Plant at Sathankulam in VOC District of Tamil Nadu. Indian Rare